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TAGS: CASC,VE (W/W-AMERICAN CITIZEN ALEXANDER BERNHARD)

SUBJ: PRESUMPTIVE DEATH OF BERNHARD

REF: CARACAS 11068

1. SENATOR TOWER'S OFFICE INTERESTED.

2. SUBJECT'S BROTHER JUAN HAS BEEN WORKING IN CARACAS FOR PAST WEEK ON OBTAINING CORROBORATIVE INFORMATION REQUESTED BY VENEZUELAN AUTHORITIES AS PREREQUISITE TO ISSUANCE OF DEATH CERTIFICATE. EMBASSY HAS TAKEN STATEMENT OF PIPER CUSTOMER IN SAN CARLOS THAT HE SAW BERNHARD TAKE OFF IN CESSNA. LOCAL PIPER REPRESENTATIVE ALSO HAS SWORN TO HIS RECOLLECTION OF WHAT OCCURED.

3. EMBASSY PROMISED BERNHARD TO ISSUE FINAL REPORT OF DEATH (FS-192) AS SOON AS VENEZUELANS ARE SATISFIED THAT SUBJECT ACTUALLY WAS ON ILL-FATED AIRCRAFT AND CONFIRM THIS BY PROVIDING THEIR OWN DEATH CERTIFICATE. PERHAPS ABOVE STATEMENTS WILL BREAK LOG-JAM. IN ANY EVENT. BERNHARD FAMILY NOW APPEARS RECONCILED TO DELAY IN ISSUANCE OF THESE DOCUMENTS.

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